

#### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A composite cord is provided which is simple in manufacture, highly productive, less costly, and improved in rubber penetration. The composite cord has a  $1 \times n$  construction ( $n$  is an integer from 3 to 12) with 2 to 11

5 metallic filaments and 1 to 5 polymer fibers having a melting point of 50 to 200 degrees twisted together. The pneumatic tire employing this composite cord for its reinforcing element is restricted in rust formation and improved in strength retention.

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